GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department- Diversion of 4.05 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.593/P & 594/P in Survey No.300/1/P of Julakaluva (Village) Muchukota R.F, Gooty Range, Ananthapur Division, for renewal of mining lease for Steatite and Dolamite, in favour of M/s Sreenivasa Minerals Company, Ananthapur, Managing Partner Smt. A. Malathi,- Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 16 **Dated: 16-02-2017**

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF& HoFF, AP, Lr Rc.No. 14824/2013/F2, Dt.4-3-2014 & 13-9-2014.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.1816/Section.II/2014, Dt.4-10-2014.
3. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No. 4-APB005/2014-CHN/359, Dt. 18-6-2015.
4. State Govt. Lr.No. 1816/Section.II/2014, Dt.21-9-2016.
5. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No. 4-APB005/2014-CHN/2529,Dt.26-12-2016.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.05 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.593/P & 594/P in Survey No.300/1/P of Julakaluva (Village) Muchukota R.F, Gooty Range, Ananthapur Division, for renewal of mining lease for Steatite and Dolamite, in favour of M/s Sreenivasa Minerals Company, Ananthapur, Managing Partner Smt. A. Malathi and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein. Accordingly, the State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, while according in-principle (Stage-I) approval.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.05 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.593/P & 594/P in Survey No.300/1/P of Julakaluva (Village) Muchukota R.F, Gooty Range, Ananthapur Division, for renewal of mining lease for Steatite and Dolamite, in favour of M/s Sreenivasa Minerals Company, Ananthapur, Managing Partner Smt. A. Malathi, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 4.05 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.593/P & 594/P in Survey No.300/1/P of Julakaluva (Village) Muchukota R.F, Gooty Range, Ananthapur Division, for renewal of mining lease for Steatite and Dolamite, in favour of M/s Sreenivasa Minerals Company, Ananthapur, Managing Partner Smt. A. Malathi, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The Legal status of the forest diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

(ii) Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.

(iii) User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 if required.

(iv) User Agency shall fence and afforest the surface area of the mining lease.

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(v) The period of diversion of the said forest land under the approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease in accordance with the provision of the Rules framed under the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957.

(vi) User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.4) if any, located in the area within 100 Metres from outer perimeter of the mining lease.

(vii) User Agency shall undertake de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five kilometers from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/ water bodies whenever required.

(viii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

(ix) User Agency shall provide firewood preferable alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas.

(x) The boundary of the mining lease shall be demarcated on the ground at the project cost, by erecting 4 feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.

(xi) The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

(xii) The Forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or subleased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the central Government.

(xiii) User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

(xiv) Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

(xv) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

(xvi) In the event of failure to take up the forest land by the user agency within 2 years of issue of the proposal, the clearance stands cancelled without any costs thereof.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, is directed to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER